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June 12, 2000

TO:

Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director

FROM:

Doug Jensen, Senior Reclamation Specialist

THRU:

Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor

RE:

Western States Minerals Corporation Initiation of Reclamation Work at the Drum Mine

On June 5, 2000, Western States Minerals initiated their reclamation activities at the Drum Mine site. I inspected the site on that date and Western States had a D9N cat and a fuel truck on the site. Jim Ashton, Western States, indicated that the second cat was scheduled to arrive on the site some time later in the day.

The D9N cat, on site, began recontouring a waste dump near the SWEX Pit. Jim indicated that the second cat would be used in tandem with this cat for dump reclamation.

Chuck Cundick, Western States, indicated that the trackhoe would be arriving on the site at a later date. Reclamation of the Alto Site would be the first scheduled task for the trackhoe when it arrives on site. One cat and the trackhoe will be required to complete the reclamation of this site.

The First Amended Settlement and Reclamation Contract, Section 2.2, states that commencement of reclamation activities by Western States will trigger the release the monies agreed to in this section. The reclamation activities have been initiated and these monies can be released at this time.

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cc:

Allan Cerny, Western States
Buzz Gerick, Western States
Tom Mitchell, Asst. Attorney General
Rex Rowley, BLM, Filmore FO
Sally Wisely, BLM, State Office
Don Ostler, Dept. of Environmental Quality
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June 6, 2000

Mr. D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

CORPORATION

Re: NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES Drum Mine Reclamation, Millard County, Utah; First Amended Settlement and Reclamation Agreement and Sole Source Contract No. 006536

Dear Wayne:

With reference to Section 2.2 Partial Payment of Western's Expenses, please be advised that Western commenced construction activities at the site yesterday, Monday, June 5, 2000. Western has had personnel at the site for several weeks doing preliminary work prior to starting physical construction activities. Certain surveys have been performed and equipment has been mobilized, and, as of yesterday, actual earth-moving activities have begun. Also, reclamation of the Mizpah drill holes has commenced.

Accordingly, enclosed is an invoice for one-half of the monies to be paid to Western "at the commencement of construction activities". Since we did not know the amount of the accrued interest as of this date, we have left that amount blank to be filled in by you.

Please call John Carmody at 303-425-7042 Extension 23 (or myself at Extension 24) if you have any questions or matters that you wish to discuss.

Sincerely,

Allan R. Cerny

Secretary

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cc: Distribution list attached

INVOICE

Western States Minerals Corporation 4975 Van Gordon Street Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033

SOLD TO:

Mr. D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
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Invoice Date: 06/05/00 Invoice No. 1042 Quantity Description Unit Amount Jumbo Performance Bond \$ 143,000.00 (Plus Accrued Interest) Closure of Mine Openings 20,000.00 Jumbo Bond, Alto Pit, Etc. 19,000.00 (Plus Accrued Interest) \$ 182,000.00 One half payable as of June 5, 2000, the 91,000.00 commencement date of construction activities Plus 1/2 of accrued interest as of June 5, 2000. Per FIRST AMENDED SETTLEMENT AND RECLAMATION AGREEMENT and Sub Total SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT No. 006536 **TOTAL**